



THE REPRESENTATIVE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TO THE  
UNITED NATIONS

October 27, 1962

Excellency:

My Government has instructed me to inform you that the "interception area" referred to in your letter of October 25 to the President of the United States and in his reply of October 26, comprises:

a. the area included within a circle with its center at Havana and a radius of 500 nautical miles, and,

b. the area included within a circle with its center at Cape Maisi (Maisi), located at the eastern tip of the island of Cuba, and a radius of 500 nautical miles.

You may wish to pass the above information to Chairman Khrushchev, so that he can proceed in accordance with his October 26 letter to you, in which he stated that he had ordered the masters of Soviet vessels bound for Cuba, but not yet within the interception area, to stay out of the area.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Philip B. Stevenson

His Excellency  
U Thant,  
Secretary General of  
the United Nations.

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Following message delivered to U Thant by Stevenson:

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